

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 01, 2009 wherein claims 28, 30 and 31 were rejected, claims 29 and 32 were objected to and claims 1-11, 13, 15, 16, 22, 24-27, and 33 were allowed. By this paper, claims 28, 30, and 31 have been cancelled. Claims 1-11, 13, 15, 16, and 22-33 remain pending in this application. In view of the allowable subject matter, Applicants have chosen to place the application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed claims 1-11, 13, 15, 16, 22, 24-27 and 33. Applicants wish to sincerely thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-11, 13, 15, 16, 22, 24-27 and 33, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 29 and 32 which are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Examiner further stated that claims 29 and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In light of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining claims 29 and 32 are in condition for allowance.

Based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, dependent claims 29 and 32 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims 28 and 30 respectively. No new subject matter has been added. Accordingly claims 28, and 30 have been cancelled. Amended claims 29 and 32, and original claims 1-11, 13, 15, 16, 22, 24-27 and 33 are believed to be allowable.

As set forth above, independent claims 29 and 32 have been amended in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. As indicated by the Examiner, these amendments should be sufficient to overcome the objections and to place the amended independent claims as well as their dependencies in condition for allowance.

35 USC §103

Claims 28, 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Markovitz et al., U. S. Patent Number 6359232 (hereinafter "Markovitz") in view of Richardson,

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U.S. Patent Number 2970936 or Markovitz et al. II, U.S. Patent Number 5723920. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 28, 30 and 31 have been cancelled.

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Summary

For the reasons set out above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are, therefore, respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly asked to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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